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BEAUMARIS PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

ANNUAL REPORT OF MEDICAL OFFICER FOR THE
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31st. 1958.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Beaumaris Port Health Authority.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report for the year 1958, on the lines of Form Port 20, as instructed by the Ministry of Health, in a letter dated 31st. December, 1958.

During the year no cases of infectious diseases were reported in the district covered by the Authority, and no smallpox contacts were notified. Routine inspection of ships was carried out as necessary, and all were found to be satisfactory. No complaints regarding mussels being unsatisfactory for human consumption have been received from any other local authority.

SECTION I - STAFF

Clerk to the Authority	Haydn A. Davies 1956
Medical Officer	T. Heber Pierce, V.R.D., M.D., Ch.B., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H., 1957
Chief Port Health Inspector	Rees Griffiths, M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I. 1933
District Inspector (Penmaenmawr Area)	A. Crowther, M.A.P.H.I., M.S.P.H., 1952
District Inspector (Bangor Area)	G.W. Outram, M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I., 1944
District Inspector (Menai Bridge Area)	R.J. Pritchard, P.H.I. 1948
District Inspector (Beaumaris Area)	J.S. Gee, A.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I. 1957

SECTION II - TABLE B

Section II - Amount of Shipping entering the district during
the year - Table B.

Ships From	Number	Tonnage	Number Inspected		Number of Ships reported as having or having had during the voyage infectious disease on board.
			By Medical Officer of Health	By Public Health Inspectors	
Foreign Ports	1	180	1	1	Nil
Coastwise	108	28,022	-	108	Nil
TOTAL	109	28,202	1	109	Nil

The large tonnage in the above table is accounted for by the fact that many of the ships visited the area several times during the year.

SECTION III - Table C.

Character of Shipping and Trade during year

<u>Passenger Traffic</u>		<u>Net Tonnage</u>	<u>Passengers</u>
	T.S. St. Tudno	934	193,718
	T.S. St. Seiriol	610	84,356
	M.V. St. Trillo	121	76,273
	<u>Bangor Corporation Ferry Boats</u>	<u>Adults</u>	<u>Children</u>
	Llandogfan	3789	1421
	Beaumaris	5672	2210
	Total ...	9461	3631
<u>Cargo Traffic</u>		Principal Imports - Timber	
		Principal Exports - Slate, Granite and Stone	
<u>Principal Ports from which Ships arrive</u>		Liverpool, Kotka.	

SECTION IV - Inland Barge Traffic

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SECTION V - Water Supply

No Change

SECTION VI - Public Health (Ships) Regulations, 1952

No Change.

SECTION VII - Smallpox

No Change. No action necessary.

SECTION VIII - Venereal Disease

No Change.

SECTION IX - Cases of Notifiable and other
Infectious Diseases on Ships.

None - No action necessary.

SECTION X - Malaria in Ships

None.

SECTION XI - Ships infected with or suspected
for plague.

None.

SECTION XII - Measures against rodents in ships
from foreign ports.

No action necessary.

SECTION XIII - Inspection of Ships for nuisances

The number of ships inspected for nuisances were:-

1 Ship (Foreign) by Medical Officer of Health
109 Ships by Inspectors.

All the ships were found satisfactory.

SECTION XIV - Public Health (Shell-Fish)
Regulations 1934 and 1948

No complaints regarding mussels.
Prohibited area still in force.

SECTION XV - Medical Inspection of Aliens

Not applicable to this Authority.

SECTION XVI - Miscellaneous

No Change.

Chief Port Health Inspector's Report.

(Mr. Rees Griffiths, M.R.S.H., M.AP.H.I.,.)

Shellfish Regulations

Your Officers continue to keep observation on the enforcement of these Regulations so far as they affect this Authority.

The quantity of shellfish gathered for direct consumption via the cleansing tanks has been disappointingly small. Efforts have been made to stimulate interest in shellfish sent for sterilisation, and for this purpose consignments of mussels have been sent to an approved bottling establishment in South Wales. The firm concerned is apparently well known and approved by the Ministry of Fisheries.

The technical results of this experiment have been successful, but again the marketing and commercial sides have not been developed. There must be a huge potential market for bottled shellfish such as mussels and cockles. The supplies are available, the technical processes, gathering transport and preparation have been proved by the Ministry to be satisfactory. It only remains for members of the industry to get together to finance and operate the scheme.

I am indebted to Mr. Baird of the Conway Fisheries Experimental Station for the following particulars of quantities of mussels taken from the Straits for the above experiments.

Fifteen bags to South Wales for bottling.
Sixty bags to Conway Purification tanks.
Forty Five Tons to Portmadoc for re-laying.
None to Portmadoc for purification and marketing.

I am,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Yours faithfully,

T. HEBER PIERCE,

Port Medical Officer of Health.

